

# Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Gardens Expansion

March 20, 2012

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Gardens was originally constructed in 1990 through the efforts of a number of park advocates including the Martin Luther King Committee. In 2003, the City acquired 1.67 acres of vacant land adjacent to the park for the purpose of expanding the existing Memorial Gardens.

## MISSION STATEMENT

To honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy and contributions to peace, justice, equality, human dignity, and education by expanding and enhancing the Memorial Gardens, providing a unique historic and educational destination for the people of North Carolina and the Nation.

## OBJECTIVES

- Enrich the commemorative experience
- Support education opportunities
- Promote community cohesion
- Complement downtown development
- Provide safe, friendly and sustainable leisure environment
- Improve vehicular and pedestrian accessibility

## PROCESS

The city council approved planning process for the project includes the establishment of a Public Leadership Group (PLG), two public input meetings, and the development of a conceptual plan.

The first public meeting is intended to solicit ideas and input from the public. The second public meeting will provide an opportunity for the public to review the draft design concept and provide feedback. Ultimately, the PLG will

recommend a plan for approval by the Parks Recreation & Greenway Advisory Board (PRGAB) and city council.

## Public Leadership Group Members

- Bruce Lightner  
*PLG Chair, MLK Committee*
- Daniel Coleman  
*South Central Citizens Advisory Council*
- Dennis Davis  
*Saint Augustine's College*
- Johnny Tillett  
*Parks, Recreation and Greenway Advisory Board*
- Kristen Hellier  
*Wake County Public School System*
- Lawrence Wray  
*At-large PLG Member*
- Norman Camp  
*Community Advocates for Parks in Southeast Raleigh*
- Jeffrey Smith  
*Shaw University*

## PARTNERS

The Raleigh Parks & Recreation Department will partner with the local community and other stakeholders. The partners will be supported by the design firm of the original memorial gardens, McNeely Associates, PA.

## TIMELINE

- First Public Leadership Group meeting: February 9, 2012
- First public meeting: March 20, 2012
- Second Public Leadership Group meeting: March 28, 2012
- Third Public Leadership Group meeting: July 2012
- Presentation to PRGAB & second public meeting: Fall 2012

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## TODAY

- 1) What do you like most about the Memorial Gardens?
- 2) What are your major concerns about the Memorial Gardens?

## TOMORROW

- 1) What activities would you like to see accommodated in the expansion?
- 2) What site features (elements) would you like to see in the expansion?

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